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WITH HYPERSENSITIVE RESPONSE ELICITOR TO INHIBIT POSTHARVEST

DISEASE OR DESICCATION



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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, applicants hereby bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the enclosed references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

References 2, 7, 11, 12, 14, and 24 are identified on the International Search Report (copy enclosed) for the corresponding PCT application. The pertinence of these references is indicated in the search report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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